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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Katsuhisa Ono, et al. ATTY. DOCKET NO. 09792909-5335  
SERIAL NO. 10/073,498 GROUP ART UNIT: 5335  
FILING DATE: February 11, 2002 EXAMINER: A. Nguyen  
INVENTION: "TORQUE CLUTCH APPARATUS AND PRINTER APPARATUS"

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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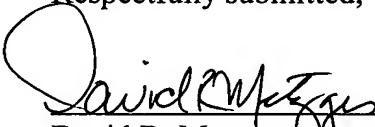
This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated August 25, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF CLAIMS**

In the Office Action of August 25, 2003, the examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-4 drawn to a torque clutch apparatus, and Group II claims 5-9 drawn to a print apparatus for printing images.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group II claims 5-9.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS	-20		( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS	3		( ) X 42.00 ( ) X 84.00		
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$140.00 ( ) \$280.00 ONE TIME		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$\_\_\_\_ for the extension to American Express Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

The Commissioner is authorized and requested to charge the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee to American Express Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

A check for \$\_\_\_\_ accompanying attached Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.

A check for \$\_\_\_\_ for Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(b) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.  
When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 12578.

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